And thou, Posthtamus, thou that[8] did'st set up
My disobedience 'gainst the king my father,
And make me put into contempt the suits
Of princely fellows[9], shalt hereafter find
It is no act of common passage, but
A strain of rareness : and I grieve myself,
To think, when thou shalt be disedg'd[1] by her
That now thou tir'st on[a], how thy memory
Will then be pang'd by me.—Pr'ythee, despatch :
The lamb entreats the butcher: Where's thy knife ?
Thou art too slow to do thy master's bidding, When I desire it too,

Pis. O gracious lady,
Since I receiv'd command to do this business, I have not slept one wink.

IMO. *Do* and to bed then.

Pis. I'll wake mine eye-balls blind first[3].

[8] —THOU that —] The second *thou,* which is not in the old copies, has been added for the sake of recovering metre. STEEVENS.

9 —princely FELLOWS,] One of the same fellowship or rank with myself. MALONE.

i — disedg'd,] So, in Hamlet: " It would cost you a groaning, to *take off**mine edge.*"* STEEVENS.

[z] That now ihou TIR'ST on,] A hawk is said to *tire* upon that which she pecks ; from *tirer,* French. JOHNSON-.

3 Til WAKE mine eye-balls BLIND first.] [In the old copies, the word—blind is wanting.] The modern editions for *tva/ce* read *break,* and supply the deficient syllable by—Ah wherefore. I read—I'll wake mine eye-balls *out* first, or, *blind* first. JOHNSON.

Sir Thomas Hanmer had made the same emendation. MALONE.

Dr. Johnson's conjecture (which I have inserted in the text,) may receive support from the following passage in The Bugbears, a MS. comedy more ancient than the play before us :

«------1 doubte
" Least for lacke of my slepe I shall *watche my eyes oute,*" Again, in The Revenger's Tragedy, 1608 :

«---„ A piteous tragedy! able to *wake*

*' An old man's eyes blood-shot."